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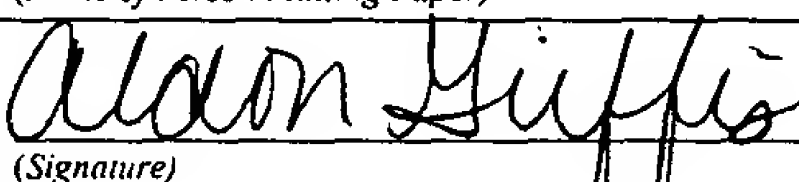
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2001 (Paper No. 11), in connection with the above-identified patent application, entry of the amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

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I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, April 25, 2002, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.	
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